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PRESS RELEASE

COABE Scholarship Winner: Tracy Noles Jefferson County Public Schools, KY

The Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) exists to provide leadership, communication, professional development and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners in order to advance quality services for all adult learners. Ten thousand members strong, COABE provides competitive national-level awards, incentive grants, and scholarships opportunities annually through special funding provided by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

COABE provides incentive grants which support activities or projects in the field of adult basic education through the secondary level. The best practices gained by the incentive grant winners will be archived in an online repository as a resource for the literacy field. The overall purposes of the grants are to promote field-based, practitioner-developed activities for student/faculty growth, program improvement through enhanced curriculum, instruction, assessment, counseling, student services, and research/evaluation, or community involvement

Ahrens Learning Center is a large urban Adult Basic Education Center serving 1,154 students in the 2010-2011 school year. Of these students, 803 remained twelve hours or more. In addition, of these 1,154 students, 494 were enrolled in the bottom three NRS literacy levels.

The incentive grant entitled "Breaking Barriers" has been developed by Tracy Noles and will be a collaborative effort with the University of Kentucky. Breaking Barriers is an attempt to increase student persistence in the lowest literacy levels by offering more student supports which will provide students with some of the problem solving tools adult students need to be successful in school. By offering student support groups facilitated by a masters level counseling student and tied to the universal themes of an accompanying book, our hope is to create a strong student cohort while also fostering a love of reading outside of the traditional ABE classroom.

Tracy will receive a \$1,750 financial award plus a travel stipend and complimentary registration to attend our annual national conference where she will present on the outcome of her incentive grant. She will be recognized at a ceremony in her honor with over 500 in attendance.

To learn more about COABE's prestigious awards, incentive grants, and scholarship program, go to www.coabe.org or contact info@coabe.org.